



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING INSTRUCTION

MOUNTED PATROL UNIT

ISSUED: October 11, 2023

EFFECTIVE: October 11, 2023

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Steven Johnson
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ACTION: Amends SOI (June 18, 2021)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.1.2

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOI, see SharePoint.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 6.1.2)

A. MOUNTED SUPERVISOR

The mounted supervisor shall be responsible for:

6. Conducting training of new horses and riders ~~as well as training evaluations.~~
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2, 6.1.2.4)

C. VEHICLE MANAGER

The vehicle manager shall ensure that all vehicles assigned to the Mounted Patrol are inspected monthly and the monthly ~~Department Memorandum (form PM-9E)~~ **Vehicle Equipment Checklist (form PS-10E)**, and related reports, are submitted to the mounted supervisor.
(WILEAG 6.1.2.4)

D. HORSE EQUIPMENT MANAGER

The horse equipment manager shall ensure that all horse related equipment assigned to the members of the Mounted Patrol are accounted for and inspected for serviceability, ~~and the monthly Horse Equipment Check List, and related reports, are submitted to the mounted supervisor.~~ The horse equipment manager will also be responsible for maintaining a current inventory list of all horse related equipment.
(WILEAG 6.1.2.4)

E. OFFICERS

Officers assigned to this unit shall:

2. Be responsible for and maintain **horses, vehicles, trailers,** all special equipment and supplies for the patrol.

V. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT (WILEAG 6.1.2)**A. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT**

In addition to the regulation uniform, the mounted patrol will be issued and wear the following:

- ~~4. Department authorized three quarter length cold weather leather jacket.~~
- 45. Department authorized waist length leather jacket.
- 56. Department authorized "soft" campaign style brim hat with rank appropriate cords and leather chin strap.
- 67. Department authorized riding spurs as selected by the mounted supervisor.
- 78. Department issued crowd control helmet, chest protector, and arm protectors, horse face shield, and nose guards.
(WILEAG 6.1.2.3)

C. VEHICLES

- 1. Officers will make the following checks on the squad assigned to them, on the respective date, for serviceability. Vehicles will be inspected monthly by the vehicle manager and the results will be forwarded to the mounted supervisor via a ~~Department Memorandum (form PM-9E)~~ Vehicle Equipment Checklist.

VI. TRAINING (WILEAG 6.1.2)**A. TRAINING PROGRAM**

Officers and horses shall undergo an established training program coordinated by the mounted supervisor, or a designated training officer. The training program for the officers shall be a minimum of ~~six (6)~~ 4 (four) weeks of basic mounted proficiency with an additional two (2) weeks of field training with the approval of the commander of the Specialized Patrol Division.
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2)

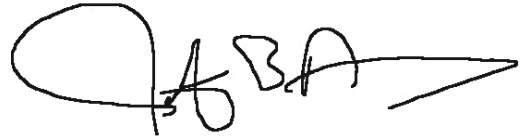
VII. HOURS OF ASSIGNMENT

- B. ~~One (1) hour~~ Two (2) hours of duty time (performed during the regular eight hour shift) will be used towards the care, cleaning and maintenance of the horse, and related equipment, and horse stables. This maintenance shall be in accordance with a schedule established by the mounted supervisor.

XIII. WASTE MATTER

- C. Mounted officers will make every effort to remove waste left by their mounts in areas of high

visibility and pedestrian traffic as soon as is practical and safe to do so.

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JEFFREY B. NORMAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

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